

I want to add my voice to those who want to see continued fair use access to media, i.e. recording off-air or off-cable telecasts, whether they be digital or analog. The legislation proposed and supported by the broadcast television industry will not stop the pirating of these media by those who are determined to do so for personal profit. However, it WILL seriously curtail the public's fair use of these media, which overwhelmingly consists of time-shifting of broadcasts so they can be viewed at the viewer's convenience. While I understand and sympathize with the industry's wish to protect their rights to control their intellectual property, I do not believe it is technologically possible to plug every hole leading to the release of these media into "the wild", where they could be accessed without charge by the public. The major affect of this legislature will be to curtail the public's fair use of media (which are largely paid for by commercial sponsors). Thank you for acting in the public interest, rather than in the interest of very wealthy corporations whose ultimate aim is control ALL media.

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